



CITY OF COLUMBIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2014
6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL - 1737 MAIN STREET
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 3RD FLOOR

The Columbia City Council conducted a meeting on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Leona K. Plaugh, The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman and The Honorable Moe Baddourah. The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine and The Honorable Cameron A. Runyan were absent. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Derek Gruner and his son led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION

Chaplain Jim Reese, Columbia Fire Department offered the invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda with the following amendments:

- Defer consideration of **Items 29, 32a and 35a**
- Remove **Item 19** from the Consent Agenda

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared at this time.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Recognition of C.A. Johnson High School's Varsity Boys Basketball Class A State Champions – The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman

The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman said most of us have heard about the great success of the C.A. Johnson Boys' Basketball Team winning their state championship this year. He recognized their great contribution to our community. He said C.A. Johnson High School brings a great sense of pride to its graduates and the greater Edgewood Community.

Mayor Benjamin and the members of City Council proclaimed Tuesday, April 1, 2014 as Coach Jarvis Day in the City of Columbia.

Mr. Daryl Jarvis, Physical Education/Health Instructor and Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach for C. A. Johnson High School thanked his staff, administration, Mr. Eugene Koon, Mr. Nathan White, managers and players along with their biggest fan Ernest Stroman.

2. Update from the South Carolina Philharmonic – Ms. Rhonda Hunsinger, Executive Director of the South Carolina Philharmonic

Ms. Rhonda Hunsinger, Executive Director of the South Carolina Philharmonic provided an update on their Youth Orchestra Program that began in the 1970's. She stressed the importance of music and the impact it can have on a child's life. She thanked the City of Columbia for their continued support.

Little Miss Faith age 9 and Little Miss Lauren age 10, members of the Youth Orchestra Program performed a mini violin recital.

3. Introduction of the SC Cornbread Festival Queens – Ms. Sabrina Odom, Executive Director of the North Columbia Business Association

Ms. Felecia Prince-Heath and Ms. Edna Samuels, Co-Chairs of the SC Cornbread Festival Pageant said that the pageant was composed of six (6) categories with participants ranging in ages from 3 to 83. She said the pageant contestants represented the Columbia area, but they also brought in people from as far as California. She acknowledged Mayor Julia Nelson of Manning, South Carolina for participating as a judge. She introduced the following pageant queens:

Wee Miss South Carolina Corn Muffin IsaBella Malbrough
Little Miss South Carolina Cornbread Summer Edmond
Junior Miss South Carolina Cornbread TaLeeyah Covington
Miss Sweet Teen South Carolina Cornbread Asia Belton
Golden Ms. SC Cornbread Jean Hopkins
Miss South Carolina Cornbread Jacqueline Pleasant

Ms. Sabrina Odom, Executive Director of the North Columbia Business Association recognized Ms. Veronica Rodriquez as the Chair of the North Columbia Business Association and the members of the Cornbread Festival Committee. She presented Ms. Plough with a framed picture in appreciation of her support of the Cornbread Festival. She introduced Mr. Charles Mosser as the winner of the Cornbread Cook-off Contest.

OTHER MATTERS

4. [Neighborhood Street Lighting Request](#) - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve the installation of four (4) additional street lights on North Main Street between Frye Road and Interstate 20.

Neighborhoods Listed by Priority	Existing Lights	Requested Lights	Current Lease Cost / Annually	Project Request Total	Total Year to Date
North Main Street	6	4	\$1,275.12	\$850.08	\$17,956.72

5. Council is asked to approve the [Destruction of Five Hundred and Sixty-Eight \(568\) Narcotics to include Paraphernalia Cases](#), as requested by the Police Department's Evidence and Property Unit. - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve the Destruction of Five Hundred and Sixty-Eight (568) Narcotics to include Paraphernalia Cases, as requested by the Police Department's Evidence and Property Unit.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Ms. Plough, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 6 through 18.**

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS and AGREEMENTS

6. Council is asked to approve an [Agreement for Engineering Services](#) for design drawings, detailed specifications and bid assistance for Highway 277, Smith Branch Outfall Replacement Project, as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Hazen & Sawyer, P.C. in the amount of \$54,247.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Budget; 5516212-SS7259-636600 – **Note:** This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project and 4D Engineering, LLC, (Protégé) a WBE firm located in Lexington, SC., will provide design support, erosion control plans, storm water permitting and construction observation services at 21% of the contract value. The agreement includes the replacement for an existing 24" clay gravity sewer pipe that currently runs under Highway 277. The original budgeted amount for engineering services is \$55,000. - Approved*

7. Council is asked to approve [Capital Project SD8382; Construction Improvements at Woodleigh Street and Eastwood Drive](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Trussell Brothers Construction, the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$78,475.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 5549999-SD838201-658650 – **Note:** This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project and Corley Construction (Protégé) located in Irmo, SC., is implementing 30% (\$23,542.50) of the project contract value. The original budgeted amount for this project is \$115,000.00. - Approved*
8. Council is asked to approve [Capital Project SD8101; Woodland Park Storm Drainage Improvements](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Shady Grove Construction, LLC, the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$83,061.00. This vendor is located in White Rock, SC. *Funding Source: Storm Drain Capital Account-Special Contracts; 5549999-658650/SD810101-658650 – **Note:** This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project and 3G Construction and Development Group (Protégé) is implementing 32% (\$26,563.00) of the contract value. This project consists of new catch basins, new storm drainage pipes, modifying existing catch basins, associated grading and erosion control measures. The original budgeted amount for this project is \$109,000.00. - Approved*
9. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of Two \(2\) Pierce Fire Pumper Trucks](#), as requested by the Fire Department. Award to Spartan Fire and Emergency Apparatus, Inc., as a Sole Source in the amount of \$1,098,118.00. This vendor is located in Roebuck, SC. *Funding Source: Capital Replacement-Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment Capital 6308972-658500 – **Note:** These vehicle purchases are part of the annual replacement schedule and are funded from General Obligation Bond proceeds. The original budgeted amount is \$555,000 per vehicle for a total amount of \$1,110,000.00. - Approved*

ORDINANCE – SECOND READING

10. [Ordinance No.: 2014-010](#) – Adopting the Devine Street/Fort Jackson Boulevard Commercial Node Plan dated November, 2013 – *First reading approval was given on March 18, 2014. – **Note:** Approved on first reading, as recommended by the consultant and staff was asked to bring back a specific action plan to include the phases of implementation for Council's consideration. – Approved on second reading.*
11. [Ordinance No. 2014-018](#) – Amending Ordinance 2013-036 granting encroachment to the South Carolina Budget and Control Board for installation and maintenance of handicap ramp, front step, handrails, repaving of concrete sidewalk and landscaping within the right of way area adjacent to its building at 1026-1028 Sumter Street to include sod and brick pavers – *First reading approval was given on March 18, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*

MAP AMENDMENT – SECOND READING

12. [151 Powell Road](#), TMS#14500-02-24 and -42; request recommendation concerning application to rezone from PUD-LS (Planned Unit Development-Large Scale to C-1 (Office and Institutional) and M-1(Light Industrial). – *First reading approval was given on March 18, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*
- Council District:* 1
Proposal: Rezone parcel from C-1 zoning to M-1
Applicant: Tom Ledbetter (Midlands Technical College/Enterprise Campus at MTC)
PC Recommendation: Approve (7-0), 01/06/14
Staff Recommendation: Approve

ANNEXATION WITH MAP AMENDMENT – SECOND READING

13. [4337 Woodridge Drive](#), TMS#09203-04-05; request recommendation concerning application to annex and zone the properties RS-2 (Single Family Residential). The property is zoned RS-MD (Single-Family Residential-Medium Density) in Richland County. – *First reading approval was given March 18, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*
- Council District:* 1
Proposal: Annex and zone properties RS-2; contiguous; primary area
Applicant: Zack Taylor
PC Recommendation: Approve (7-0), 01/06/14
Staff Recommendation: Approve

[Ordinance No.: 2014-012](#) – Annexing 4337 Woodridge Drive, Richland County TMS #09203-04-05 – *First reading approval was given on March 18, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*

14. [421 Arrowwood Road](#), TMS#07302-05-02; request recommendation concerning application to annex and zone the properties C-1 (Office and Institutional). The property is zoned OI (Office and Institutional) in Richland County. – *First reading approval was given on March 18, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*
- Council District:* 2
Proposal: Annex and zone properties C-1; contiguous; secondary area
Applicant: Linda S. Turner and Lonnie T. Turner
PC Recommendation: Approve (7-0), 01/06/14
Staff Recommendation: Approve

[Ordinance No.: 2014-011](#) – Annexing 421 Arrowwood Road, Richland County TMS #07302-05-02 – *First reading approval was given on March 18, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*

15. [628 Sallie Baxter Drive](#), TMS#16404-11-03; request recommendation concerning application to annex and zone the properties RS-1 (Single-Family Residential). The property is zoned RS-LD (Single-Family Residential-Low Density) in Richland County. – *First reading approval was given on March 18, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*

Council District: 4

Proposal: Annex and zone properties RS-1; contiguous; Donut Hole Annexation area

Applicant: John E. Skeppstrom and Jill F. Skeppstrom

PC Recommendation: Approve (6-0), 02/03/14

Staff Recommendation: Approve

[Ordinance No.: 2014-013](#) – Annexing 628 Sallie Baxter Drive, Richland County TMS #16401-11-03 – *First reading approval was March 18, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*

16. [W/S Woodcreek Farms Road and E/S Upper Will Lane](#), TMS#28902-10-01 and 25800-03-28 (portion); request recommendation concerning application to annex and zone the properties PUD-R (Residential Planned Unit Development). The property is zoned PDD (Planned Development District) in Richland County. – *First reading was given on March 18, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*

Council District: 4

Proposal: Annex and zone properties PUD-R; contiguous; Donut Hole Annexation area

Applicant: Woodcreek Development Partnership

PC Recommendation: Approve (6-0), 02/03/14

Staff Recommendation: Approve

[Ordinance No.: 2014-014](#) – Annexing W/S Woodcreek Farm Road and E/S Upper Will Lane, Richland County TMS #28902-10-01 and 25800-03-25 (portion) – *First reading approval was given on March 18, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*

MAP AMENDMENT AND TEXT AMENDMENT – SECOND READING

17. [A. Map Amendment](#)

730 Beltline Boulevard, TMS#13811-05-34; request recommendation concerning application to rezone from RS-1 (Single-Family Residential) to RS-1, -DP (Single-Family Residential with a Design Preservation overlay). – *First reading approval was given on March 18, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*

[B. Text Amendment](#)

Amend §17-691 (c) Buildings and Sites List to designate 730 Beltline Boulevard (TMS#13811-05-34) as a Group II Landmark.

Council District: 4
Proposal: Rezone parcel from RS-1 to RS-1, -DP and Amend Chapter 17 - Article V, Division 3 - §17-691 (c) to designate structure as a Group II Landmark
Applicant: Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services
PC Recommendation: A. Approve (7-0), 01/06/14
 B. Approve (7-0), 01/06/14
Staff Recommendation: Approve

[Ordinance No.: 2014-006](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinance of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article V, Historic Preservation and Architectural Review, Division 4, Landmarks, Sec. 17-691 Buildings and sites list, (c) to add 730 Beltline Boulevard, TMS #13811-05-34– *First reading was given on March 18, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*

18. [A. Map Amendment](#)

1213 Lady Street, TMS# 09013-06-08; Request to rezone property from C-5 (Central Business District) to C-5, -DP (Central Business District, Design Preservation overlay), to designate structure as Group II Landmark. – *First reading approval was given on March 18, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*

[B. Text Amendment](#)

Amend §17-691 (c) to designate **1213 Lady Street**, TMS# 09013-06-08, as a Group II Landmark.

Council District: 2
Proposal: Rezone from C-5, -DD, -S to C-5, -DD, -S, -DP and Amend Chapter 17- Article V, Division 3-§17-691(c) to designate the structure as a Group II Landmark
Applicant: First Commercial Bank
PC Recommendation: A. Approve (6-0), 02/03/14
 B. Approve (6-0), 02/03/14
Staff Recommendation: Approve

[Ordinance No.: 2014-025](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 1 7, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article V, Historic Preservation and Architectural Review, Division 4, Landmarks, Sec. 17-691 Buildings and sites list, (c) to add 1213 Lady Street, Richland County TMS #09013-06-08 – *First reading approval was given on March 18, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*

TEXT AMENDMENT – SECOND READING

19. [Amend §17-287](#) to permit limited outdoor storage at used merchandise stores.

Proposal: Amend §17-287, Used Merchandise, to permit limited outdoor storage at used merchandise stores by special exception.

Applicant: Councilman Cameron Runyan

PC Recommendation: Approve (7-1), 3/3/14

Staff Recommendation: Approve

[Ordinance No.: 2014-028](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article III, Zoning, Division 8, District Descriptions; Use and Dimensional Regulations, Sec. 17-287 Used merchandise stores – *First reading approval was given on March 18, 2014. - [Map](#) – The motion to deny second reading approval failed by a tie vote. The matter will reconsidered for second reading approval on April 8, 2014.*

Councilor Plough expressed concerns about opening this up for used merchandise to be displayed in commercial corridors. She hoped that there would be a different way to accommodate this business. She said if criteria are laid out by the Board of Zoning Appeals, the staff will assume the responsibility of monitoring those criteria; if no specific criteria are laid out, then the community would be required to make an appeal to the courts.

Councilor Baddourah said he also heard concerns and received emails and phone calls from residents in his district regarding the effect on neighborhood character.

Mayor Benjamin recommended that the item be held until the next meeting since the sponsor of the text amendment isn't present.

A motion was made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Baddourah to deny first reading approval.

Mayor Benjamin said he supports the amendment and he prefers to hold this.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted two (2) to two (2) to deny second reading approval of Ordinance No.: 2014-028 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article III, Zoning, Division 8, District Descriptions; Use and Dimensional Regulations, Sec. 17-287 Used merchandise stores. Voting aye were Mr. Baddourah and Ms. Plough. Voting nay were Mr. Newman and Mayor Benjamin. *The motion to deny second reading approval failed by a tie vote. The matter will reconsidered for second reading approval on April 8, 2014.*

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

20. [Ordinance No.: 2014-001](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 4, Animals, Article I, In General, Sec. 4-1 Killing, injuring or disturbing squirrels or birds; Article III, Animal Control, Division 1, Generally, Sec. 4-61, Definitions; Sec. 4-63 Kennels; to add Sec. 4-73 Animal care, generally; and amending Division 2, Dangerous Animals, Sec. 4-93 Restraint of an aggressive animal – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2014-001 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 4, Animals, Article I, In General, Sec. 4-1 Killing, injuring or disturbing squirrels or birds; Article III, Animal Control, Division 1, Generally, Sec. 4-61, Definitions; Sec. 4-63 Kennels; to add Sec. 4-73 Animal care, generally; and amending Division 2, Dangerous Animals, Sec. 4-93 Restraint of an aggressive animal.

21. [Ordinance No.: 2014-016](#) – Granting an encroachment to First Community Bank for installation and maintenance of a free-standing canopy, four (4) granite curb planters and sidewalk within the sidewalk right of way area adjacent to 1213 Lady Street, Richland County TMS #09013-06-08 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2014-016 – Granting an encroachment to First Community Bank for installation and maintenance of a free-standing canopy, four (4) granite curb planters and sidewalk within the sidewalk right of way area adjacent to 1213 Lady Street, Richland County TMS #09013-06-08.

22. [Ordinance No.: 2014-017](#) – Granting an encroachment to Scoopy Doo for placement and maintenance of two (2) tables and four (4) chairs within the sidewalk right of way adjacent to 725 Saluda Avenue for use by its patrons for outdoor dining during normal business hours – *Consideration of this item was deferred by a vote of three (3) to one (1).*

A motion was made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Newman to give first reading approval to the ordinance.

Mr. Randall Dennis said the merchants in Five Points are excited about the ice cream shop, but they are concerned about the request to place tables outside, because that will impede pedestrian traffic and impact safety.

Mayor Benjamin asked to defer first reading consideration until we have an opportunity to hear from the owner. He noted that it has been an active policy of Council to encourage outdoor dining.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services explained that oftentimes staff will go onsite to measure the area to ensure there is adequate passage. She said there are two (2) 24” tables and the associated chairs. She agreed to work with the Hospitality Team and other inspectors to encourage the owner to abide by the encroachment, because it can be revoked if there are repeated violations of the encroachment.

Councilor Baddourah said this has been a problem over the past two (2) years for a lot of merchants and pedestrians in Five Points. He said he reached out to staff to get more information and he is not sure that this won’t interfere with pedestrian traffic on the sidewalk for that location. He is not in favor of approving this ordinance, because it is going to be a pedestrian hazard and cause congestion.

A substitute motion was made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Ms. Plough to deny first reading approval of the ordinance.

Councilor Plough asked where the patio area is located.

Mayor Benjamin said he dined on Main Street today at Michaels and it has been a part of our strategy to develop a much more urban cosmopolitan connected city that encourages this type of activity. He reiterated the request to hear from the applicant before a vote is taken. He asked if staff has safety concerns.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services said no; the Street Division, Traffic Engineering Division, Fire Department, Zoning and Planning have recommended approval.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted three (3) to one (1) to defer first reading consideration of Ordinance No: 2014-017 – Granting an encroachment to Scoopy Doo for placement and maintenance of two (2) tables and four (4) chairs within the sidewalk right of way adjacent to 725 Saluda Avenue for use by its patrons for outdoor dining during normal business hours, until April 22, 2014. Voting aye were Mr. Newman, Ms. Plough and Mayor Benjamin. Mr. Baddourah voted nay.

23. [Ordinance No.: 2014-022](#) – Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Easement Agreement between the City of Columbia and USC Alumni Center Corporation for the AC Corp Building to the Parking Facility – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2014-022 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Easement Agreement between the City of Columbia and USC Alumni Center Corporation for the AC Corp Building to the Parking Facility.

24. [Ordinance No.: 2014-027](#)- Granting an encroachment to Grapes and Gallery for placement and maintenance of three (3) tables and eight (8) chairs within the sidewalk right of way adjacent to 1113 Taylor Street for use by its patrons for outdoor dining during normal business hours – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2014-027- Granting an encroachment to Grapes and Gallery for placement and maintenance of three (3) tables and eight (8) chairs within the sidewalk right of way adjacent to 1113 Taylor Street for use by its patrons for outdoor dining during normal business hours.

25. [Ordinance No.: 2014-029](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Development and Zoning, Article VIII, Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission; Authority of Forestry and Beautification Superintendent; Tree Preservation and Care on City Property and Public Rights of Ways, Division 2, Administration, Sec. 17-814 Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission (b) Membership; terms; vacancies (1) Memberships – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Ms. Plough, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2014-029 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Development and Zoning, Article VIII, Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission; Authority of Forestry and Beautification Superintendent; Tree Preservation and Care on City Property and Public Rights of Ways, Division 2, Administration, Sec. 17-814 Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission (b) Membership; terms; vacancies (1) Memberships.

26. [Ordinance No.: 2014-032](#) – Amending Ordinance 2012-059 granting encroachment to the University of South Carolina for use of the right of way area of the 1500 block of Greene Street and 800 block of Pickens Street adjacent to USC Petigru College, Richland County TMS #11304-05-01, for installation and maintenance of asphalt pavement, concrete curb, guttering, walkway, brick wall, wrought iron fencing, parking spaces, bike lane, wheel stops, handicap ramp, landscaping and irrigation system to include the 1300 and 1400 blocks of Greene Street and 600 and 700 blocks of Bull Street for installation and maintenance of stamped asphalt pavement crosswalks, concrete curb, guttering, columns, gate, islands, bike lanes and removal of thirty-five (35) parking spaces – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2014-032 – Amending Ordinance 2012-059 granting encroachment to the University of South Carolina for use of the right of way area of the 1500 block of Greene Street and 800 block of Pickens Street adjacent to USC Petigru College, Richland County TMS #11304-05-01, for installation and maintenance of asphalt pavement, concrete curb, guttering, walkway, brick wall, wrought iron fencing, parking spaces, bike lane, wheel stops, handicap ramp, landscaping and irrigation system to include the 1300 and 1400 blocks of Greene Street and 600 and 700 blocks of Bull Street for installation and maintenance of stamped asphalt pavement crosswalks, concrete curb, guttering, columns, gate, islands, bike lanes and removal of thirty-five (35) parking spaces.

27. [Ordinance No.: 2014-033](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 2, Administration, Article III, Officers and Employees, Sec. 2-115 City attorney – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2014-033 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 2, Administration, Article III, Officers and Employees, Sec. 2-115 City Attorney.

28. [Ordinance No.: 2014-036](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 14, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article IV, Offenses Against the Public Peace and Order, Sec. 14-99 Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on public property – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2014-036 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 14, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article IV, Offenses Against the Public Peace and Order, Sec. 14-99 Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on public property.

RESOLUTIONS

29. [Resolution No.: R-2014-014](#) – Adopting City of Columbia General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance Reserve Policy – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*
30. [Resolution No.: R-2014-029](#) – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for the Shelley Reed Exhibition Opening – *This event is May 17, 2014. – Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2014-029 – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for the Shelley Reed Exhibition Opening.

**Mayor Benjamin recognized students from the University of South Carolina School of Journalism that were in attendance.

31. [Resolution No.: R-2014-030](#) – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for An Evening of Art Fundraiser – *This event is May 6, 2014. – Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2014-030 – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for An Evening of Art Fundraiser.

32. [Resolution No.: R-2014-033](#) – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the 3 Rivers Music Festival – *This event is June 21, 2014. – Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2014-033 – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the 3 Rivers Music Festival.

- 32a. [Resolution No.: R-2014-045](#) – Amending Resolution R-2014-024 Adopting a Policy and Criteria to Consider the Inclusion of Real Property in a Multi-County Industrial Park to Apply Richland County's Special Source Revenue Credit Incentive to Real Property within the Corporate Limits of the City of Columbia to remove the exclusion of the Bull Street Development Project – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*

APPOINTMENTS

33. [Building Board of Adjustment and Appeals](#) – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plaugh and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve the reappointment of the following six (6) individuals and to stagger members' terms by two (2) and three (3) years.

Deborah Snow	Thomas Carlisle
Zach McGhee Jr.	Christopher Kirk
Joel McCreary	Christopher Corbett

34. [Climate Protection Action Committee](#) – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Ms. Jennifer Satterthwaite as the District One representative; Mr. Shawn Drury as an At-Large representative; and Mr. Andrew Epting as the District Three representative.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS/REFERRALS

35. Council is asked to refer the discussion of the city's protocol and process for monitoring and responding to violations pertaining to the noise ordinance to the Public Safety Committee, as requested by The Honorable Cameron A. Runyan. – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Ms. Plough, Council voted unanimously to refer the discussion of the city's protocol and process for monitoring and responding to violations pertaining to the noise ordinance to the Public Safety Committee.

35a. Council is asked to refer a review of Ban the Box to the Administrative Policy Committee as requested by The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin. – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*

36. Public Safety Committee [March 11, 2014 Report](#) – *This report was received as information.*

37. Arts and Historic Preservation Committee [March 18, 2014 Report](#) – *This report was received as information.*

Councilor Baddourah reported that the Arts and Historic Preservation Committee discussed little free libraries; staff provided great research; at the next meeting they will complete the discussion; and recommendations will be provided to City Council. He explained that little free libraries are housed at parks or in people's yards to provide books to individuals on an honor system. He said this is a great idea that will add to the character of parks and neighborhoods around the city.

38. Administrative Policy Committee [March 18, 2014 Report](#) – *This report was received as information.*

Councilor Plough explained that the Administrative Policy Committee completed the format and review process for Municipal Court Judges; the committee will complete the format and process for the City Attorney; and the committee will work on the evaluation form that City Council will use for the City Manager.

39. Finance, Audit and Budget April 1, 2014 Report – *This report will be given at a later date.*

****Mayor Benjamin announced that the Columbia International Festival is this weekend at the State Fairgrounds.**

APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC

Ms. Patricia Brooks expressed concerns about her vehicle being vandalized. She reported having \$2,684 in damages. She asked for help.

Mayor Benjamin asked that she be connected with the Columbia Police Department.

Mr. Kenneth E. Gaines, Esq., City Attorney advised City Council on the previous consideration given to **Item 19**. He explained that the main motion that was introduced was not adopted and according to Roberts Rules of Order, it can be renewed at a later session. He said the matter can be considered at the next meeting.

Mayor Benjamin asked that **Item 19** be added to the April 8, 2014 meeting agenda.

Mr. Temple Ligon said he is here with Midlands Biz, which is an online publication that comes out on Friday. He said he writes a travel log entitled "*Around the World in 80 Days*". He said they will travel to the west coast of Troy in November 2015 and they will sail the Odyssey.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore
City Clerk